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LETTER FROM MR. WEBSTER.

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WASHINGTON, April 10, 1852.
DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge

the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and thank you for what you are pleased to say of my fidelity to great national principles. I trust there is not a man in the country who doubts approbation of those measures which are usually called "compromise measures," or my fixed determination to uphold them steadily and firmly. Nothing but a deep sense of duty led me to take the part which I did take in bringing about the adoption by Congress and that same sense of duty remains with unabated force. I am of opinion that those measures, one and all, were necessary and expedient, and ought to be adhered to by all the friends of the constitution and lovers of their country. That one among them which appears to have given the greatest dissatisfaction—I mean the fugitive slave law—I hold to be a law entirely constitutional, highly proper and absolutely essential to the peace of the country.

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words of the constitution; and how any man can wish to abrogate or destroy it, and at the same time say that he is a supporter of the con-

It is which are clear and positive injunctive and restraints, passes my power of comprehension.— My belief is, that when the passions of men subside, and reason and true patriotism are allowed to have their proper sway, the public mind, North and South, will come to a proper state upon these questions. I do not believe that further agitation will make any considerable change in the North. The great mass of the people, I am sure, are sound, and have no wish to interfere with such things as are, by the constitution, placed under the exclusive control of the separate States. I have noticed, indeed, many without regret, certain proceedings to which you have alluded, and, in regard to these, I have to say that gentlemen may not think it necessary or proper that they should be called upon to affirm by resolution, that which is already the existing law of the land. That any positive movement to repeal or alter any of the compromise measures would meet with any general encouragement or support, I do not at all believe. But

however thin may be, my own sentiments remain, and are likely to remain, quite unchanged.

I am in favor of upholding the constitution, in the general, and all its particulars. I am in favor of respecting its authority and obeying its injunctions, and to the end of life shall do all in my power to fulfil, honestly and faithfully, all its provisions. I look upon the compromise measures as a proper, fair, and final adjustment of the questions to which they relate; and no re-agitation of these questions, no new opening of them, no effort to create dissatisfaction with them, will ever receive from me the least countenance or support, countenance or approval, at any time, or under any circumstances.

I am, with regard, your obedient servant,
DANIEL WEBSTER.

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A JEU D'ESPRIT.

Some wag, in the Cleveland Plaindealer, thus

Participants in the answer of the Emperor of Japan to the letter to be delivered to him by Commodore Perry. Such of our extra humane contemporaries as have been holding up their hands in holy horror lest our Government is going "at all hazards" to kill, burn, and destroy the Japanese, will receive a timely consolation over this interesting despatch; the Emperor, Twang Twangky, showing that he is of a far less "anxious" temperament than are his friends here:

JEDDO IN JAPAN, Palace of the Most High,
18,000th year of the Great Red Dragon.

GEEB FILLMORE, Governor of U. S. Province:
My Grand Secretary, Gowidowits, has just translated your scroll, and I dictate the following, from the abundance of my heavenly wisdom, in reply: Your officer of high rank amuses me very much. I and my six thousand wives have been laughing all the morning at his queer bohemian coat, his stovepipe hat, and awkward looking boots; and, more than all, a strange and mysterious thing, which he calls a shirt-collar.

which wears his head as stiff as one of our native rhinoceroses. We have taken pity on his brainless condition, and have equipped him for royal suit—a turban and a pair of spurs. You may say that he is "a missionary of religion." I shall make a Christian of him and send him back to his own country as a missionary. He was grieved to see his besotted ignorance. He knows nothing of Xena, or Amida, or Dahlo—he had never heard of the precious book of Christianity, nor bathed in the fragrant stream of Chemo-ye-tsum. I am glad there is a country to the east of me so large as yours, and I shall make haste thither, immediately to bring you to the great world. I shall take the better a bundle of tobacco, some hats, and trunks, which I solemnly promise your distribution at once. Your people are just one half as large as ours, but your area is twice as big. Although contexts, they still hope for you. As for trading with us, why do you not offer yourselves with worldly ambitions? We spend our time in religious ceremonies and prayers. But I am willing to even communicate

you, so that you may not object to my seeking to bring you over to the true religion. Kiss your wives for me. Ah, you have only one, or do—I have six thousand. Pray accept it as a token of my high esteem.

T'WANG T'WANGKY,
Emperor of the Faithful.

PREMATURE BURIAL.—The Albany Register the course of an article on this subject, relates the following instance, of which the editor was directly cognizant:

Some years ago, we were perfectly cognizant to an occurrence of this kind, which was the most heart-rendering character. The wife of a gentleman was taken suddenly ill in church, and was carried to her home in a state syncope. In a few hours she partially recovered, but immediately relapsed and never again showed any signs of consciousness. She lay in this condition nearly two days, baffling the skill of the physicians, and then, as it was

bought and as there was almost every reason to believe, died. No signs of breathing could be detected, the limbs became rigid and cold and the eyes remained open with the fixed and glassy

ITEMS BY THE FRANKLIN.

The country was perfectly tranquil.

has received official warning that a second police will lead to the suppression of his

Following, most of which are taken from an Eng-

And now he has gone, *Requiescat in pace!*"
The following was taken from the same church: